

# Saratoga Loves

## Poetry

A poetry contest for students in grades kindergarten through 12 who live or attend school in Saratoga!

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**2022 1st Prize**

**Grades 3 - 5**



### **About the Author:**

My name is Megan and I am a fifth grader at The Harker School. One of my hobbies is collecting old nails, bolts, and screws, even if most of them are coated in rust or bent from years of use. I also enjoy gathering rocks and pebbles with vibrant hues, unique shapes, and unusual patterns. Curling up on the sofa with a good book is my favorite pastime. I especially like the Harry Potter series but will read many other genres as well, such as poetry. I love reading and writing poetry.

### **Poem:**

Title of Poem: Community

A community is always...

Caring for others

Open-minded

Masterfully creating a sense of tranquility

Merrily gratifying members of their society

Understanding and supportive of everyone's ideas

Nonjudgmental towards each other

Inspiring

Trailblazing the path for followers

Yearning for a better future together

### **About the Poem:**

This poem was inspired by the qualities a community should hold and the goals that our community strives to achieve. While writing I thought about what our community aspires to do together in the future as well as the ways our community is strong right now. I also considered the people who cheer us up and provide encouragement to us. My poem is about how we help each other every day, whether it be holding a door for someone, saying thank you, or simply smiling at people around us. Mostly, though, this poem is about what each of us contributes to our community.